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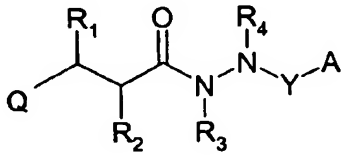

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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (I) have antibacterial activity; wherein Q represents a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O) or formula -C(=O)NH(OH); Y represents -C(=O)-, -C(=S)-, -S(=O)-, or -SO_2-; R_1 represents hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkyl substituted by one or more halogen atoms, or, except when Q is a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O), a hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkenyloxy, halogen, amino, C_1-C_6 alkylamino, or di-(C_1-C_6 alkyl)amino group; R_2 represents a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-C_1-C_3 alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-S-C_1-C_3 alkyl, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, aryl(C_1-C_3alkyl)-, heterocyclyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, or R^1R^2N-C_1-C_3 alkyl group wherein R^1 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl and R^2 represents C_1-C_3 alkyl, or R^1R^2N- represents a cyclic amino group; R_3 and R_4 taken together with the nitrogen atoms to which they are respectively attached form a saturated heterocyclic ring of from 4 to 7 ring atoms, which may be fused to a second carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, either of which rings may optionally be substituted; and A represents a primary, secondary or tertiary amino group or a group -R_5, -OR_5, wherein R_5 is a substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-O-C_1-C_3alkyl, C_1-C_3 alkyl-S-C_1-C_3 alkyl, cycloalkyl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-, heterocyclic(C_1-C_3 alkyl, aryl(C_1-C_3 alkyl)-or R^1R^2N-C_1-C_3 alkyl group wherein R^1 represents hydrogen or C_1-C_3 alkyl and R^2 represents C_1-C_3 alkyl, or R^1R^2N- represents a cyclic amino group.

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